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SUBJECT: LOS: DAILY REPORT, COMMITTEE II, AUG. 28, 1974

1. SUMMARY. CHAIRMAN OF COMTE II DELIVERED STATEMENT ON WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY COMTE II AT CARACAS INCLUDING PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF TREND TOWARD 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND 200-MILE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE. PROPOSAL BY GUINEA AND ECUADOR IN SUPPORT OF 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA WAS MANIFESTED BY ATTEMPT TO STOP CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT FROM BEING MADE OFFICIAL DOCUMENT. THIS EFFORT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. END SUMMARY.

2. IN FORMAL SESSION, CHAIRMAN STATED THAT SECOND REVISION OF INFORMAL WORKING PAPERS WOULD BE ASSEMBLED IN SINGLE TEXT WITH CONSECUTIVE NUMBERING FOLLOWING
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LIST OF SUBJECTS AND ISSUES. WORK METHOD FOR SECOND PHASE

WAS TO STIMULATE NEGOTIATION WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING NUMBER OF VARIANTS AND UNFORTUNATELY TIME HAD ONLY ALLOWED APPLICATION OF SECOND PHASE TO INFORMAL WORKING PAPER ON TERRITORIAL SEA. CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED REGRET THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SUBMIT TEXT CONTAINING SINGLE FORMULATIONS, BUT UNDERTAKING HAD BEEN CRITICIZED BY SOME DELEGATIONS AS PREMATURE. HOWEVER, HE WOULD OFFER SOME GENERAL EVALUATIONS AND COMMENTS: "THE IDEA OF A TERRITORIAL SEA OF 12 MILES AND AN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE BEYOND THE TERRITORIAL SEA UP TO A TOTAL MAXIMUM DISTANCE OF 200 MILES IS, AT LEAST AT THIS TIME, THE KEYSTONE OF THE COMPROMISE SOLUTION FAVORED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE, AS IS APPARENT FROM THE GENERAL DEBATE IN THE PLENARY MEETINGS AND THE DISCUSSIONS HELD IN OUR COMMITTEE. "ACCEPTANCE OF THIS IDEA IS, OF COURSE, DEPENDENT ON THE SATISFACTORY SOLUTION OF OTHER ISSUES, ESPECIALLY THE ISSUE OF PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION THE OUTERMOST LIMIT OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AND THE ACTUAL RETENTION OF THIS CONCEPT AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES AND OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH, FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, CONSIDER THEMSELVES GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED. "THERE ARE, IN ADDITION, OTHER PROBLEMS TO BE STUDIED AND SOLVED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS IDEA, FOR EXAMPLE, THOSE RELATING TO ARCHIPELAGOS AND THE REGIME OF ISLANDS IN GENERAL. "IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO GO FURTHER INTO THE MATTER OF THE NATURE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CONCEPT OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE, A SUBJECT ON WHICH IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES OF OPINION STILL PERSIST."

3. RAPPOREUR THEN PRESENTED FACTUAL AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE WORK WHICH WOULD NOT DEAL WITH SUBSTANCE. TANZANIA SUPPORTED BY BOLIVIA CRITICIZED RAPPOREUR'S REPORT AS NOT REPRESENTING ACTUAL PROGRESS MADE AT CARACAS. HOWEVER, UKRANIAN SSR SUPPORTED NATURE OF RAPPOREUR'S REPORT. MEXICO FORMALLY REQUESTED THAT SUBSTANTIVE STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN BE MADE PART OF RAPPOREUR'S REPORT. AFTER REGIONAL GROUP, CHAIRMAN, US AND SEVERAL OTHER STATES HAD PRAISED AGUILAR'S LEADERSHIP AND WARM HOSPITALITY OF VENEZUELAN PEOPLE, GUINEA ANNOUNCED THAT A 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA RESOLUTION HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY 20 STATES. GUINEAN UNCLASSIFIED

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REP SAID THAT MORE THAN 100 CO-SPONSORS WERE EXPECTED AND CRITICIZED ECONOMIC ZONE FOR GIVING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES "ABSOLUTELY NOTHING." ECUADOR SUPPORTED GUINEA AND STATED THAT CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS SHOULD NOT APPEAR IN A FORMAL WAY. CHILE SUGGESTED THAT CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT MIGHT BE CIRCULATED AS A CONFERENCE DOCUMENT BUT NOT MADE PART OF THE REPORT. CHAIRMAN OF AFRICAN GROUP THEN STATED THAT OAU HAD NOT PRONOUNCED ON BREADTH OF TERRITORIAL SEA AND STATED THAT HE PERSONALLY WAS

SATISFIED WITH THE 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA. PERU THEN COMMENTED, IN LOW-KEY MANNER, THAT IT HAD NO OBJECTION TO CHAIRMAN EXPRESSING PERSONAL VIEWS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GROUP WOULD BE ABLE TO REACH CONSENSUS. KENYA THEN DEFENDED CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT POINTING OUT COMMITTEE WAS NOT OPERATING ON BASIS CONSENSUS AND COULD RESORT TO RULES OR PROCEDURE (I.E., VOTING) TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO CIRCULATE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT AS SEPARATE DOCUMENT. IRAQ IMMEDIATELY SUPPORTED KENYA AND CHAIRMAN QUICKLY DETERMINED THAT THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO HIS STATEMENT BEING MADE FORMAL DOCUMENT OF COMMITTEE II.

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